[28th February 1955

*Licences for sugar factories*

* 969 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 749, dated 13th May 1954 the number of Sugar Mills sanctioned to be opened in the State in 1953 and 1954?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Licences for the establishment of four sugar factories in the Madras State have been granted during 1953 and 1954."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" சர்க்கரை ஆலைகளை ஏர்படுத்துவதற்குத் தகுந்த நிலையிலிருக்கக்கூடிய ஆலைகள் எவை ? எப்போது வேலை செய்ய ஆரம்பிக்கும்? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM —" Licences have been granted during those two years to the following factories :—

| *Name of the factory.* | *Location of the factory.* | *Daily cane crushing capacity.* |
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| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| | | TONS. |
| 1 Tiruvannamalai Sugar Mills, Limited, Tiruvannamalai. | North Arcot. | 400 |
| 2 The Cauvery Sugars and Chemicals, Limited. | Tiruchirappalli district. | 800 |
| 3 East Indian Distilleries and Sugar Factories, Limited, Madras. | Kolianur, South Acot. | 800 |
| 4 Tiru Arooran Sugar Mills, Limited, Madras. | Tanjore district. | 1,000 |

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, the second part of my question has not been answered by the Hon. Minister. I request him to inform the House, when these sugar factories will start production . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If it is not answered, the hon. Member is at liberty to give notice of a fresh question."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I will answer it now. (Laughter.) Except the Tiruvannamalai Sugar Mills, Limited, the other three mills are setting about establishing factories. I do not have the exact information when they will be able to start production."

*Minor Irrigation tanks in South Arcot*

* 970 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

9-20 a.m.

(*a*) the number of minor irrigation tanks in South Arcot; and

(*b*) the number of minor irrigation tanks to which general repairs have not been done during the past 12 years?